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The 2024 OCV Cudas Season is coming!

The OCV Cudas 2024 season is around the corner. The Cudas, starting their 51st season, are looking for swimmers of all ability levels from ages 5-18 to join us. The Cudas are a part of the Northwest Aquatics League (NWAL), which is made up of neighborhood teams throughout NW Houston who compete with each other during the May-June swim season. Signup starts at the beginning of April and practice at the Oak Creek Village pool (across from Reynolds Elementary) starts in late April. Look for more details soon at www.ocvcudas.com

The above is something the OCV Cudas would like to include in the March newsletter. Can you confirm that this works or do you need additional information.

Thanks.

Brent Barnett OCV Cudas



OCV HOA Board Meeting Minutes 3/12/24

The meeting was called to order by Board President John Whisler at 7:44 pm. Board Directors present were Darrel Johnson, Raquel Lona, Lloyd Bratton and Shawn Lane. Committee members Jim Bowers and Ooma Lakshmanan were also present. The neighborhood Security Officers were present also.

We had a good group of residents attending this meeting. Linda and Perry Graham, Edward Waldo, Ronald Pena, Andrew Pena, Alicia Lopez, Mona Guevara, Robert Van Eschan, Nick Fava and Elizabeth Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Gill were also present.

The minutes of the February meeting was read and approved.

The residents had questions about some security issues, which was addressed by the Security Director and the Officers explained to the residents the procedures they need to take.

There were no written reports from the Architectural Director and the Recreation Director.

Deed Restriction report was read and approved.

Security Report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Budget for 2024 was submitted and the Board approved it.

Kindly read all the reports in the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Submitted by Ooma Lakshmanan-Secretary

Deed Restrictions Monthly Report/Topic for February 2024

The OCV Community Association, Inc. (the "Association") identifies and advises property owners and residents of Deed Restriction violations within the Oak Creek Village. When we see a violation, we will be sending the property owner a letter. Please understand we do not know the circumstances or situation a property owner or tenant is dealing with we only know there is a violation. If you receive a letter and there are extenuating circumstances then please contact us and let us know. Do not

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Emergency/Helpful Numbers

Emergency, Police, Medical, Fire	911
Ambulance	281 440-4300
Animal Control,612 Canino Road	281 999-3191
Crimestoppers	713 222-8477
Crisis Hotline	
Harris County Public Health	
Poison Control, poisoncenter.org	800 222-2222
Sheriff, Harris County	713 221-6000
Water & Sewage (24 hour Emergency)	281 376-8802
Harris County Environmental Public	
- (report neglected swimming pool)	713 274-6300
OCV Accountant, TXMGMT	832 910-7525
Vacation Watch/Cypresswood Annex	
Forms (713 221-6000)	
Post Office-Cornerstone	281 444-1355
Gas, Centerpoint	713 659-2111
Trash, Texas Pride Disposal	281 342-8178
Telephone, AT&T	
Water & Sewage, Bammel Utility District	281 376-8802

OCV Garden Club Board

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The deadline for the next issue of the OCV Community News is April 15th!

OCV Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Reminder April 9th, 7:30pm



Residents are reminded that the Oak Creek Village Community Association Board of Directors normally meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm. As always, all residents are invited an encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to present ideas to the Board should call a Board member prior to the meeting so we may allot time for you on the agenda.

Please Notice This

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Recycling Tuesday is your only recycling day!



PLEASE NO – Styrofoam, Windows, Ceramics, Mirrors, Soiled Pizza Boxes, Coat Hangers, Light Bulbs, Paper Towels, Soiled Paper, Soiled Facial Tissue.

For a complete list of acceptable recycle items please visit http://www.oakcreekvillage.org/trashservice.html

Call 811 before you dig - Be Safe. It's free. It's the law.

- Call 811 before you dig.
- Give two working days' notice before digging. (48 hours)
- Utility companies will mark the location of underground utility lines.

Remember, you are responsible for marking your private lines such as invisible pet fences, sprinkler systems, yard lights and gas grill lines.

Attention OCV Residents. Non-commercial advertisments, classified ads and notices can be placed free of charge. Club information, birthdays and other important non-profit events are also welcomed! Letters to the editor are also accepted and published with your name. *Thank you.*

To report a streetlight out go to Centerpoint (713 207-2222) Energy.com - (Get the 6 digit number off the pole)



Oak Creek Village Contract

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www.sheriff.hctx.net Captain J. Coons, District 1 Patrol

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ALARM LOCAL	5	0	3	1	0	1
CONTRACT CHECK	115	48	23	36	8	0
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1	0	0	1	0	0
DIST FAMILY	2	0	0	1	0	1
DISTURBANCE LOUD NOISE	3	0	0	1	0	2
DISTURBANCE OTHER	2	1	0	1	0	0
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TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	1	0	0	0	0	1
THEFT OTHER	2	0	0	1	0	1
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TRAFFIC STOP	24	0	0	11	13	0
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VEHICLE SUSPICIOUS	1	1	0	0	0	0
WELFARE CHECK	5	0	0	2	0	3





OCV Community Association March 12, 2024 Treasurer Report

Financial Report -

Balance Sheet

The January31,2024, balance sheet shows \$582,693 in the bank.

Statement of Revenue & Expense

For January 2024, revenue was under budget by (\$5,605) primarily due to below budget security receipts income. Expenses were under budget by \$3,248 was mainly due to lower than budgeted grounds repairs expense partially offset by higher than budget legal expense.

Transaction report

We had our normal operating expenses in the month of January.

Additional Notes:

Our 2024 Maintenance Fee of \$352 was approved at the November 2023 meeting and was mailed out the first week of December and was due at the beginning of January 2024. If it was not paid by January 31st there will be fees and interest added to it until paid.

Our 2024 Security Fee to be collected on the monthly water bill in the amount of \$32.50 was approved at the November 2023 meeting and was sent to Bammel UD for the February 2024 bill to help with the increases we received in the new contract in November 2023 for the new year.

Only Rain in the Storm Drain - You may think that it's ok for little things here and there to be put down the storm drain. It's easy to forget that your one little thing and my one little thing eventually add up to create a monster problem. Our storm drains don't filter what we put into them.



They run directly into the bay. To help keep them clean, properly dispose of your motor oil, pick up after your pet, take your car to a car wash, follow the directions when you spray and fertilize your yard and please don't rake your leaves into the storm drain!

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stew on it, complain, or get stressed out as there is always ways to fix a violation **but if you do not contact us** then we do not know. In some cases, we may be able to help out and get the violation resolved, but the idea of a neighborhood is a neighbor helping a neighbor.

Deed restrictions committee continues its efforts to identify violations every month. Deed Restrictions Committee located several violations due to excessive overgrowth of weeds on grass due to negligence of lawn maintenance by its resident and has notified several residents about Trailers/Boats/Commercial vehicles.

Note to OCV Property owners:

The drought is over and Freeze has passed, please water/mow/trim/edge your grass!!!

Please continue to monitor your property for any diseased or pre-decayed trees needing to be cut down. We want to prevent present and future damage to the neighborhood and avoid Hazardous situations in advance. If you require a professional opinion for dead tree removal, contact the Deed Restrictions Committee at ocvdeedrestrictionscommittee@gmail.com for further information. Please continue to perform the proper upkeep and clean up your properties in a timely manner in order to avoid a violation notice. Do not forget to edge and clean up the street curb in front of your property of leaves

Oak Creek Village Garden Club

You're invited to join us as we meet each month for a variety of outings in and around Houston, always combined with lunch at a local restaurant. If you're interested in learning more about this group, please contact Jane Flores at 615.423.5410 (call or text), or email to jane.b.flores@gmail.com.

We look forward to meeting you!

TEEN JOB SEEKERS

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and pine needles. Remember to Bundle small branches less than 4-feet in length and smaller than 18-inches in diameter and place next to the trash bags for collection. Otherwise, trash company will not collect your debris. Which at that point, you will be served a violation notice if debris remains uncollected for more than a week. Please be kind to others and to your community, do not blow your debris on your neighbor's side or leave it in the street. Doing this will not only cause conflict between neighbors but the bigger issue that this action creates will be to our storm system. Preventing this simple act will help the communities storm system from flooding and backing upduring rainy weather. Lastly Trash bins/ cans must be concealed from public viewor stored out of site. Garbage or trash cans can only be put out on the curb or by the street the night before trash pickup and must be removed and stored out of site on all non-trash days.

A Special Thank you to our OCV Residents whom are making an effort and taking the time to maintain their properties. We understand the extreme heat is one huge factor in the process of lawn maintenance as well as the ability to move around for some of our elderly residents. So please take all necessary precautions while being outdoors during this extreme heat season. If you happen to live next door to an elderly resident, please be a good neighbor and offer your help. Sometimes just reaching out and offering your help goes along way for someone that cannot move around as effortlessly as others. "Let's be a good neighbor"

Flags Across the Community Scouts BSA Troop 1659

A heartfelt thank you to all of our 2023 customers for continuing to support our Scouts BSA Troop! Your flag orders allow us to keep our troop active and our gear in tip-top shape!

For over 20 years, the young men of Scouts BSA Troop 1659 have been placing flags in yards around Oak Creek Village in recognition of our patriotic holidays. For the remainder of 2024, a U.S. Flag will be placed in your yard for Memorial Day (May), Flag Day (June), Independence Day (July), and Veterans' Day (November). Our scouts provide you with an outdoor flag



and pole, installing a flat device in your yard that will not interfere with lawn maintenance.

We are pleased to also offer military branch flags. Choose from Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard. U.S. Flag only is \$28 for the year; a U.S. Flag plus one military branch is \$40. Additional military branch flags can be added for \$8 each, and you can add as many additional military flags as you'd like to your order.

Troop 1659 also participates in Wreaths Across America, which allows us to place sponsored wreaths on the graves of service men and women at Houston National Cemetery. For only \$17, you can sponsor a wreath to be placed on graves at Veterans' cemeteries around the country every December, thanking the fallen hero for their service, and sharing a blessing for their families.

These fundraisers allow our youth to provide a service to the community, learn patriotism, and work to accomplish various outdoor and high adventure type activities. It teaches them the importance of "earning their own way" in scouting. Your support of our boys is invaluable!

Please visit www.ihtroop1659.org to place your secure order online, or email IronHorseTroop1659@gmail.com for more information.

Houston Rose Society Gardening with a Passion



his month, we are fortunate to have Kim and Jim Keeter, new owners of the Antique Rose Emporium (ARE) speak to us about their vision for the nursery, e-commerce, and rose production business. They will also highlight some of the roses and other plant material they offer, including the Pioneer Roses that were hybridized by former owner Mike Shoup.

The Keeters come from a family passionate about gardening and landscape architecture. They are running the nursery as a family business and have their children Tres (James, III) and Mackenzie along with son-in-law Nathan Knutson involved in every aspect of operating the business to preserve old garden roses and help bring roses into gardens everywhere.

Consulting Rosarians who attend this meeting will receive one hour of continuing education credit. CRs will be required to sign a registration form at the meeting or email president@houstonrose.org prior to the meeting with their name, email address, and name of your rose society if outside HRS in order to receive credit.

Please join us on Thursday, April 11th at 7 pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church located at 1819 Heights Blvd. in Houston or

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from the comfort of your home or office using Zoom by clicking on the web link below on your computer, tablet or smartphone:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85837921087?pwd=agyYCS3oy85837921087?pwd=agyYCS3oylwxjzepRE5tLE5uH879PX.1

You can also go to www.zoom.us and enter Meeting ID # 858 3792 1087 with passcode 546926 to join remotely.

Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold its May meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Christ the Good Shepherd Church, located at 18511 Klein Church Rd., Spring, Texas 77379.

We will meet in rooms B-207, B-209, and B-211which are located upstairs in the Main Office Building. Refreshments will be served at 6:30pm with the meeting/presentation beginning at 7:00 pm.

This is going to be an exciting evening that you don't want to miss, and we encourage anyone who has an interest in flowers and the art of designing to join us. We have members ranging from novice designers to floral shop owners and Texas Master Florists. All are welcome to join us to learn and social-



ize together!

For further information, please contact Christine Givens at 281-387-6626 or email givens 3@sbcglobal.net. Be sure and check out our website at www.safdhouston.org.



FeatherFest Birding and Nature Photography Festival April 18 - 21, 2024

FeatherFest - the island's annual birding and nature photography festival - is the perfect time for birders and people who just enjoy being outside to visit Galveston. This event is an annual birding and nature photography festival held during spring migration in Galveston.

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About FeatherFest

FeatherFest is one of the largest birding festivals in Texas and one of the few offering a nature photography track. It offers you many opportunities to view birds in their natural habitats with the expertise of local leaders to guide the way. You can also meet birders and outdoor lovers from all over the nation. Share favorite birding spots, new species you saw during the last year, and unique experiences from behind the binoculars.

For more information or registration please visit us at www.galvestonfeatherfest.com or call 832 459-5533.

THE TOP DOG By Cheryl Conley Lake Creek Nature Preserve Board of Directors

As youngsters, we are told to be afraid of the "big bad wolf" but in reality, wolves don't see us as prey and attacks on humans are very rare.

Although you won't find wolves in Texas, it's interesting to know that they were once a necessary and important part of the state's ecosystem. Both red and gray wolves were abundant in Texas with red wolves occupying the eastern half of the state and gray wolves in the west. Extensive hunting, trapping and habitat loss led to a rapid decline in their numbers. They are now considered extinct in Texas but I thought you might like to learn a few things about this fascinating animal.

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The two wolf species that roamed Texas were the southeastern red wolf and the gray wolf. There was also a subspecies of the gray wolf that was called the Mexican gray wolf or Lobo, which is the Spanish word for wolf.

Wolves travel and hunt in small packs usually consisting of a male, his female mate and their young from both the current breeding season and past seasons. The leaders of the pack, Mom and Dad, are sometimes referred to as the "alpha" wolves although some think the word "alpha" is outdated. L. David Mech, a renowned biologist, discourages the use of the word and explains that the "alpha" couple are just parents to the wolves in the pack.

For the most part, wolves are monogamous and will stay with each other for life. Occasionally, however, the male parent has a wandering eye and may cheat. If a partner dies and after a mourning period, the other one will eventually find a new mate. New packs are formed when a wolf leaves the pack and finds a mate. They breed and a new pack is formed.

Wolves breed once a year and the gestation period is about 63 days. The female will normally give birth to 4 to 6 pups and the pups are born blind and deaf. Interestingly, all wolves in the pack care for the young. The pups nurse from their mother but between 5 and 10 weeks of age, they will begin eating regurgitated food from the others in the pack. They begin to hunt at 6 months of age and are considered adults at 2 years old. In the wild, their lifespan is only 5 to 6 years.

Wolves don't really howl at the full moon like some believe but they do howl as a way of communicating with each other. Their hearing is 20 times better than ours and they can hear a fellow wolf howling 10 miles away. Wolves have other ways of communicating as well like growling, barking, and whimper-



ing. Body language is used, too, like posturing, using facial expressions and eye contact.

Wolves are carnivores. They prefer large hooved animals like elk, moose, and deer but will also prey on beavers, rabbits, and rodents, along with fish and even birds.



It is believed that our beloved family dogs are decendants of wolves. For the most part, scientists believe domesticated dogs evolved from gray wolves over 15,000 years ago. It remains a mystery when and where wolves began to evolve into dogs and with what group of humans. Looking at some of the dog breeds like tiny chihuahuas and fluffy pomeranians, it's hard to believe they are relatives of wolves. Though their physical appearance doesn't resemble wolves, their genetic makeup remains similar to that of a wolf. There are some dog breeds, however, that are genetically closest to wolves. They are the Alaskan Malamute, the Siberian Husky, the Shibalnu, the Pekingese, the Saluki, the Afghan Hound, the Chow Chow, and the Shih Tzu.

We can thank wolves for giving us our faithful furry companions. The next time you hug your dog, you're really hugging a domesticated wolf. Pretty amazing, wouldn't you say?



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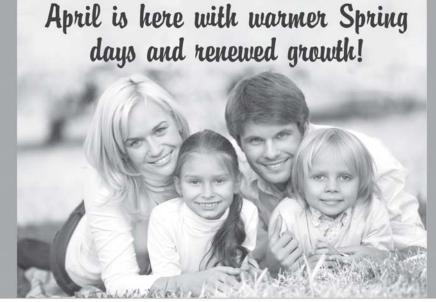
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